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PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided any incentive to the farmers for increasing the production of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the production of sugarcane in the country during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the production of sugarcane is more than our requirement; and

(e) if so, the estimated revenue likely to be accrued therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments forincreasing sugarcane production, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Developmentof Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS) was initiated in 1995-96 in 20 States and one Union Territory of Pondicherry mostly on 75:25 funding pattern between Government of India and State Governments. Under the scheme financial assistance is given to the farmers for implements (bullock drawn/tractor drawn) and drip infrastructure. Under this programme, training is also imparted to the farmers and demonstrations are conducted on the fields of farmers.

From 4th October, 2000 this scheme has been subsumed under Macro Management on agriculture to give more flexibility to the States.
In addition to the above mentioned scheme, under the Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983,loans at concessional rates of interest are provided to the sugar mills for sugarcane development in their areas.

(c): Production estimates of sugarcane for the last three years are given below:

Year	Production (million tonnes)
1997-98	279.54
1998-99	288.72
1999-2000 (Final)	299.23

(d): The production of sugarcane during 1999-2000 is 299.23 million tonnes against a target of 305 million tonnes.

(e): Such information is not maintained by the Central Government.The purchase tax and cess on sugarcane are levied and collected by the State Governments.